

# CRATER LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

***20 W. Bank St.***

***Petersburg, VA 23803***

- I.** The Crater Local Human Rights Committee (Crater LHRC) held their regular meeting Thursday, September 14, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at 20 W. Bank Street, Suite 6, Petersburg, VA 23803. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m.

## **II. Roll Call**

### **Members Present:**

Carol Gittman  
Joseph P. Dickens  
Rosa Parham

### **Members Absent:**

Ralph Anderton

### **Regional Advocate:**

James O Bowser

### **Affiliates' Attendance:**

A - Adult Activity Services, Jim Scott  
A - Agapé Unlimited, Inc., Beatrice Johnson  
A - ARC-Petersburg, Felicia Daniels  
T - Benchmark Residential, Clarence Dilworth  
T - Blue Ridge Residential Services, LLC, Kelly Murphy  
A - Dan-Poe-Dil, Inc., Clarence Dilworth  
A - District 19 CSB, Ginny Travis  
T - Divine Intervention Residential Services, Guirlande Dorsainville  
T - Family & Community Support Systems, Kathy DeShazo  
T - Greater Unity – **Did not attend**  
A - John Randolph Medical Center, Seressa Burgess, Annette Richardson  
A - Low Ground Visions, Inc., Chanda S. Batts, Cynthia Batts  
T - Miracles Behavioral Health Center, Danetta Berryhill  
A - New Beginnings, Inc.  
A - New Haven  
T - O.L.A. Home for Boys, LLC, Valerie C. Minor  
A - Phoenix-n-Peace, Inc., Steven R. Watkins, Sr., Sandra J. Mason  
A - Pryor House, Joyce Brown  
A - Southside Regional Medical Center – Inpatient & Outpatient Services, Vicki Durnford  
T - Southern Virginia Regional Medical Center, Bob Marcello  
A - T'LAB, Inc., Janine Johnson, Rebecca Mann  
T - Tri-City Solutions, Will Anderson  
A - Visions Family Services, Michael Nichols  
T - Neurological Rehabilitation Living Center, Douglas H. Brown, Jr., Steve Dean, Kelly Dean

- I. Call to Order:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m. A quorum of members was present at 6:05 p.m.

**II. Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**III. Approval of Minutes:** (July 13, 2006): Mr. Dickens made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Ms. Parham. Motion approved.

Mrs. Gittman reiterated that the committee will be sending letters if attendance and payment of dues are not in accordance with the agreement. She also reiterated that shw will be sending a letter regarding the reporting periods.

**IV. Regional Advocate's Comments:**

- A. Latest edition of Human Writes (Office of Human Rights Newsletter) distributed. This edition highlights Region IV Human Rights staff.
- B. Updates on proposed regulations: Proposed changes to the following sections: Administration, Children's Issues, Participation in Decision-Making and Seclusion/Restraints/Time Out. Can be viewed on the Department website at [www.DMHMRSAS.virginia.gov](http://www.DMHMRSAS.virginia.gov). Approved by the Governor last month, going into 60-day public comment period. Public hearing on November 8, 2006 at Henrico Community Services Board
- C. Statewide conference, planned for September, regarding the regulations, has been cancelled. Conference tentatively scheduled for Fall '07.

**V. Old Business**

- A. Kathy DeShazo of Family and Community Support Systems, reported that eight of nine temporary affiliates met on August 29, 2006 with Mr. Bowser and discussed aspects of the LHRC. Some people have already expressed an interest. Providers will talk to people, then reconvene on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at Family and Community Support Systems, 2807 N. Parham Road, Suite 306. (Greater Unity was not represented at that meeting.)
- B. Several programs' policies and procedures have not yet been reviewed by LHRC. Mr. Bowser indicated that he has the policies and procedures and will forward to committee members.
- C. This LHRC has 7-member capacity. Currently have four members. Permanent affiliates are responsible for filling these vacancies. Especially need a health care professional. Mr. Bowser added that if the committee goes below the required number, all affiliates are out of compliance. Need, in order of priority, health care provider, professionals, family members, consumers.

**VI. New Business**

- A. Request for temporary affiliation by Neurological Rehabilitation Living Centers in Virginia Beach. Regional Advocate for Region V, Reggie Day, approved Policies and Procedures Manual. Twelve-bed residential program with six patients lined up to enter the program. Expect to join Williamsburg LHRC within the next month. Mr. Dickens made a motion that the committee could accept temporary affiliation. Seconded by Ms. Parham. Motion carried. Motion approved.
- B. The Crater LHRC needs to get together to discuss changes to Affiliation Agreement to include:
  - 1. Language regarding providers needing to be in attendance at all meetings (at least one representative from each program). The second time of no attendance will result in a letter from the committee. First letter results in suspension, second time results in termination and you have to reapply. Also will not be able to continue operation. Will make sure those words are in the agreement so there can be no misunderstanding.
  - 2. Yearly dues are due in January. If not received by February 1<sup>st</sup>, suspension. If not by March 1<sup>st</sup>, termination. Need to make sure this language is in the agreement.

**VII. Affiliates' Reports:** Affiliates reported complaints and allegations to the Committee.

**VIII. Other Actions:** Committee met in Executive Session.

**IX. Adjournment:** Ms. Dickens made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gittman seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Carol Gittman, Chair

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